GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - PR&RD Department - Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, PR&RD Dept. working as Asst. Secy. to Govt. on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) - Violation of the Model Code of Conduct and also for violation of Rule 19 (1) & (5) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 in having participated in election campaign in favour of a Political party - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (OP.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.464

Dated: 21/08/2024
Read the following :-

1. From the GA (SW) Department U.O.Note No.GAD01-SW0MISC(PEAS)/ 4/ 2024-1, Dt.17.04.2024 along with complaint petitions.
2. From the District Election Officer & Collector YSR District, Kadapa Letter Ref.No.H3/359/2024, Dt.31.03.2024.

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the report received from the District Election Officer & Collector, YSR District, Kadapa in his letter 2nd read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said officer Sri K Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) for violating the Model Code of Conduct and also for violation of Rule 19 (1) & (5) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, in having participated in election campaign in favour of a political party (YSRCP) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. Government, therefore, proposes to hold an inquiry against the said Official for the said violation and misconduct as per the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I & II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV].

3. Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (under suspension) is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (under suspension) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge, which are not admitted and specifically denied. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (under suspension) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, it shall be presumed that he has no explanation to offer and the authority competent shall initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance to the said rules.

(p.t.o.)

6. Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (under suspension) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be construed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension)

Copy to:-
The CEO, & EO Prl.Secretary to Govt., GA (Elections) Dept.
The DEO & Collector, YSR Kadapa District.
The G.A. (SW)Dept.
The G.A. (SU.I) Dept.
The PR &RD (Vig.I)Dept.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy. C.M for PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T.
The PS to Prl. Secretary to Govt., PR&RD. Dept.,
SF/SCs (Computer No: 2410217).

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. VENKATA RAMI REDDY, SECTION OFFICER, PR&RD DEPT. WORKING AS ASST. SECY. TO GOVT. ON IN-CHARGE BASIS (ALSO WORKING AS PRESIDENT, ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT ASSOCIATION, A.P. SECRETARIAT) (UNDER SUSPENSION)

CHARGE-1:-

That Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) violated the Model Code of Conduct and conducted meetings with RTC Employees in RTC depots of Badvel, Mydukur, Proddatur and Kapada along with RTC Union Leader Sri C. Chandraiah and campaigned and distributed pamphlets of "Praja ravana sakha mithrulara prabhuthva runam theerchukondi" by influencing the RTC employees to favour of YSRCP Political party.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) by his above mentioned acts failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and there by contravened the Rule 19 (1), (5) & Rule 3 (1) & (2) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. VENKATA RAMI REDDY, SECTION OFFICER, PR&RD DEPT. WORKING AS ASST. SECY. TO GOVT. ON IN-CHARGE BASIS (ALSO WORKING AS PRESIDENT, ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT ASSOCIATION, A.P. SECRETARIAT)(UNDER SUSPENSION)

Basis of the Charge:

An adverse news item has been published in Eenadu daily newspaper on 02.04.2024, Sakshi and Andhrajyothi alleging that Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on incharge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) has conducted meetings with RTC Employees in RTC depots of Badvel, Mydukur, Proddatur and Kapada along with RTC Union Leader Sri. C. Chandraiah and campaigned for YSRCP Violating Model Code of Conduct.

The Returning Officers of Badvel, Kadapa, Mydukur and Proddatur in their reports have confirmed that Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) has conducted election campaign along with RTC Union leaders and distributed pamphlets by influencing the RTC employees in favour of YSRCP in Badvel, Kadapa, Mydukur and Proddatur depots. The Returning Officers have further reported that, the following cases have been registered against Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy and others for having violated the Model Code of Conduct.

1. A Case in FIR No.137/2024 dated: 02.04.2024 in Badvel (U) Police Station U/s -188, 171-H r/w 34 IPC and section 127-A of RP Act, 1951 has been registered against (1) Sundaraiah, working as YSR NMUA Depot Secretary, (2) K. Venkata Rami Reddy, APGF Chairman, (3) Challa Chandra working as NMUA, President.

2. A Case in FIR No.81/2024 dated: 02.04.2024 in Proddatur II-Town Police Station U/s 188, 171-H r/w 34 IPC and section 127-A of RP Act, 1951 has been registered against (1) K. Venkatarami Reddy, President AP Secretariat Employees Association, (2) Challa Chandraiah, Chairman APGEF, Tirupati and (3) N. Rama Chandrudu, driver, APSRTC, Proddatur.

3. A Case in FIR No.116/2024 dated: 02.04.2024 in Mydukur Police Station U/s 188, 171-H r/w 34 IPC and section 127-A of RP Act, 1951 has been registered against (1) Kakarla Venkata Ramireddy, President AP Secretariat Employees Association, (2) Challa Chandraiah, YSR NMUA State President.

4. A Case in FIR No.166/2024 dated: 02.04.2024 in Kadapa 1-Town Police Station U/s 188,171-H r/w 34 IPC and section 127-A of RP Act, 1951 has been registered against (1) K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Chairman of APGEF, (2) Challa Chandraiah, YSR NMUA State President.

It is observed that Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) being a Government servant violated the conduct rules and involved in campaigning to YSRCP in violation of Model Code of Conduct.

(p.t.o.)

Thus, Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) failed to discharge his duties as responsible Government Servant and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant under Rule 19 (1), (5) & Rule 3 (1) & (2) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI K. VENKATA RAMI REDDY, SECTION OFFICER, PR&RD DEPT. WORKING AS ASST. SECY. TO GOVT. ON IN-CHARGE BASIS (ALSO WORKING AS PRESIDENT, ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT ASSOCIATION, A.P. SECRETARIAT)(UNDER SUSPENSION)

1. From the GA (SW) Department U.O.Note No.GAD01-SW0MISC(PEAS)/ 4/ 2024-1, Dt.17.04.2024.

2. U.O.Note.No.4294/Spl.Cell-1/2024-1, dt.11.3.2024, 16.3.2024, 8.4.2024 of CEO,& E.O. Prl.Secretary to Govt., O/o.CEO, A.P.

3. U.O.Note.No.9416/Spl.Cell-1/2024-1, dt,7.4.2024 of CEO, & E.O. Prl.Secretary to Govt., O/o.CEO, A.P.

4. From the District Election Officer & Collector YSR District, Kadapa Letter Ref.No.H3/359/2024, Dt.31.03.2024/02.04.2024.

5. Paper clipping of Eenadu daily newspaper on 02.04.2024.

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9. A Case in FIR No.166/2024 dated: 02.04.2024 in Kadapa 1-Town Police Station U/s 188,171-H r/w 34 IPC and section 127-A of RP Act, 1951 has been registered against (1) K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Chairman of APGEF, (2) Challa Chandraiah, YSR NMUA State President.

10. G.O.Rt.No.320, PR & RD (OP.I) Dept. dated 18.4.2024.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CAHRGE IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI K. VENKATA RAMI REDDY, SECTION OFFICER, PR&RD DEPT. WORKING AS ASST. SECY. TO GOVT. ON IN-CHARGE BASIS (ALSO WORKING AS PRESIDENT, ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT ASSOCIATION, A.P. SECRETARIAT) (UNDER SUSPENSION)

1. Sri G.R.Madhusudhan, Returning Officer, 126-Kadapa A/c & Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa
2. Sri A.Venkata Ramana, Returning Officer, 124-Badvel (SC) AC & Revenue Divisional Officer, Badvel.
3. Sri A.Chandra Mohan, Returning Officer, 133-Mydukur A/c.

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